APPENDICES

WELCOME TO LEWIS COUNTY



Lewis County was created on December 19, 1845, before Washington became a state, and is named for Meriweather Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Since that time the size of our county has changed many times to the current size, which is 126 miles wide (east to west) and 30 miles long (north to south). Chehalis is the county seat. The current courthouse was built in 1927 on the corner of Main Street and Chehalis Avenue, Chehalis, WA. The Lewis County Museum is also located in Chehalis at the old railroad depot on Chehalis Avenue.

Centralia and Chehalis are the largest of our cities and have many celebrations and ceremonies throughout the year. The Southwest Washington Fairgrounds are between these two cities and the Fair is held each year during the month of August. There are interim events going on all year at the fairgrounds, which include everything from dog shows to home shows and many social events as well. Small town festivals start with the Vader May Day Celebration and go through Labor Day with the Packwood Flea Market.

Recreation is abundant in Lewis County with boating, fishing and camping available at Mayfield and Riffe Lakes; picnic and day areas at several parks throughout the county from Centralia to Vader and Pe Ell to Packwood. From the shores of Mineral Lake there is a beautiful view of Mt. Rainier and for viewing Mt. St. Helens you can enjoy the Hopkins Hill viewpoint, or drive up to Windy Ridge. Horse riding enthusiasts can enjoy the great trails at the Goat Rocks, Packwood Lake and Walupt Lake areas. If you are into hang-gliding, Dog Mountain is the place to be and don't miss the Morton Jubilee for national logging competitions.

Lewis County has something for everyone and we know you will enjoy your visit and travels in our area. Our most valuable resource is the warm and friendly people of Lewis County who will join us in welcoming you to our area.

GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Lewis County is situated halfway between Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, on Interstate 5 and covers approximately 2,452 square miles. Greater Lewis County can be accessed by Highways 6 and 12 and includes many scenic locations and tourist attractions including Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mount Rainer National Park, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams, the Tatoosh Wilderness, the Goat Rocks Wilderness, Riffe Lake, Mayfield Lake, and White Pass.

Skiing is close by at 5,000 feet above sea level and ocean beaches are just an hour's drive west. Mount St. Helens volcanic activity has drawn a high level of interest to Southwest Washington and become Lewis County's favorite landmark. The forested habitat and mountain ecosystem have made a remarkable comeback since the eruption of 1980. The natural geography of the mountain makes for exciting exploring and hiking. Lewis County's natural, varied landscape ranging from rolling hills to rugged terrain, to lakes, rivers and streams make for a beautiful landscape for river kayaking, whitewater rafting, fishing, hang gliding, mountain biking, horseback riding and offroad driving. Winter recreation is especially popular in Lewis County with hundreds of miles of trails for skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing or sledding. Whichever outdoor pastime you enjoy most, Lewis County is sure to give you plenty of options that will provide opportunities to take in the incredible views of the area's nature and geography.

Lewis County has a generally moderate climate with warm, dry summers and mild winters. The average high temperature is 62 degrees F, and the average low temperature is 41 degrees F. The area receives 45 inches of precipitation annually.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEWIS COUNTY-2012

January

Jan 7 Cat Fancier Show at the SWWF

Jan 14 Wes Knodel Gun and Knife Show at the SWWF

Jan 29 Taste of Lewis County at the Historic Washington Hotel

February

Feb 11 "An Evening for the Children" Benefit Gala at the Great Wolf Lodge

Feb 28 Community Band Free Concert at the Corbet Theatre

March

Mar 1 Matz Building Fundraiser at the Aerie Ballroom

Mar 10 Valley View "Sip and Savor" Fundraiser event at the Aerie Ballroom

Mar 10 Miss Lewis County Pageant at the R.E. Bennet School Mar 23-25 47th Annual Home and Garden Show at the SWWF

April

April 7 Easter Train- Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum
Apr 14 Wes Knodel Gun and Knife Show at the SWWF

Apr 15 LC Community Concert with Christine Noll at the Corbet Theatre

May

May 1 Elk Hunt Raffle, Scholarship Elk Hunt at McMenamin's Olympic Club

May 4 Lewis County Spring Youth Fair at the SWWF Fairgrounds
May 12 Lewis County Historical Bike Ride at Stan Hedwall Park

June

Jun 4 Pacific NW Chamber Orchestra Concert at Corbet Theatre

Jun 14, 15 STP Classic Bicycle ride

Jun 16 Wes Knodel Gun and Knife Show at the SWWF

Jun 23 Billet Proof Car Show

July

Jul 4 Summerfest-Demolition Derby and Fireworks Show at the SWWF Fairgrounds

Jul 7 Cascade Car Show at Stan Hedwall Park

Jul 21, 22 City of Napavine Funtime Festival

August

Aug 4 Antique truck show

Aug 14-19 Southwest Washington Fair Aug 24-26 Garlic Fest at the SWWF

September

Sep 22 Harvest Swap meet at the SWWF Fairgrounds

October

Oct 20 Fall Community Garage Sale at the SWWF Fairgrounds
Oct 20 Lewis County Concert – Terry Barber at the Corbet Theatre

November

Nov 10 Wes Knodel Gun and Knife Show at the SWWF

Nov 23-30 Polar Express Train - Saturdays & Sundays Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum

December

Dec 1-16 Polar Express Train Saturdays and Sundays Chehalis Centralia Railroad & Museum

For information on Events visit the following websites:

www.steamtrainride.com

www.mrsr.com

www.southwestwashingtonfair.net www.seesouthwestwa.com

www.chamberway.com

LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS – 2012

RON AVERILL- DISTRICT I

COMMITTEE NAME

Board of Health

EDC (Economic Development Council) - general membership

Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Fire Commissioners Meeting

Electeds' Brown Bag Lunch

Solid Waste Disposal District #1

Lewis County Seniors

Planned Growth Committee

Mayors Meetina

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Nisqually River Basin Flood Control District

One Voice

Lewis/Mason/Thurston Community Action Council

Cowlitz Lewis Economic Development District

L C Transportation Strategy Council Council of Governments (COG) Nisqually River Council Drug Court Advisory Board

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory (ATOD)

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Lake Mayfield Youth Camp

Timberland Regional Support Network (RSN)

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Work Session

Mental Health Coalition

State Emergency Management Committee

Meth Task Force

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning

Organization (RTPO)

Open Space Rating Board

Pacific Mountain Workforce Consortium

WA Army Advisory Board Landfill Closure Board

Solid Waste Ex Action Council (Chair of SWDD)

BILL SCHULTE - DISTRICT II

COMMITTEE NAME

Board of Health

Economic Development Council(EDC) - general membership

Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Fire Commissioners Meeting

Electeds' Brown Bag Lunch

Solid Waste Disposal District #1

Lewis County Seniors

Planned Growth Committee

Mayors Meeting

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control District

Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Nisqually River Basin Flood Control Zone District

City of Chehalis Renaissance Team

One Voice

Chehalis Basin Partnership

Twin Transit

LEOFF Disability Board

WA Counties Insurance Fund Trustee (WCIF)/(POOL)

Lewis County Health Benefits Committee

SW WA Clean Air Agency (SWCCA)

DUI/Traffic Safety Commission

LC Law & Justice Committee
Developmental Disability Board

.09 Distressed Counties Committee

FEMA Working Group

Centralia College Foundation Board

Sales Tax Advisory Committee

LEE GROSE - DISTRICT III

COMMITTEE NAME

Board of Health

Economic Development Council (EDC)

Executive Steering Committee (ESC)

Fire Commissioners Meeting

Electeds' Brown Bag Lunch

Solid Waste Disposal District #1

Lewis County Seniors

Planned Growth Committee

Mayors Meeting

Chehalis River Basin Flood Control District Cowlitz River Basin Flood Control Zone District

Nisqually River Basin Flood Control Zone District

One Voice

Community Partners

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

Canvassing Board

WA Co Risk Pool Board of Directors (WCRP)

Capital Facilities Meeting

EDC Board of Directors

Timber Counties

Secure Rural Schools Coalition

Title II/III- Resources Advisory Committee (RAC)

Habitat Advisory Group (HAG)

Personnel Advocacy Committee

Legislative Steering Committee (WSAC)

Water Resource Inventory Area(WRIA) 25/26

Packwood Waste Water

Packwood Improvement Club

Finance Committee

Law Library

ELECTED OFFICIALS LEWIS COUNTY

		Term Expires
Commissioner Ron Averill, District 1	(R)	2012
Commissioner Bill Schulte, District 2	(R)	2012
Commissioner F. Lee Grose, District 3	(R)	2014
Superior Court Judge Nelson E. Hunt, Dept. 1	(NP)	2013
Superior Court Judge Jim Lawler, Dept. 2	(NP)	2013
Superior Court Judge Richard Brosey, Dept. 3	(NP)	2013
Note: Terms for Superior Court Judges begin and end th	ne second Monday in Jan	uary.
District Court Judge Michael P. Roewe, Dept.	1 (NP)	2014
District Court Judge R.W. Buzzard, Dept. 2	(NP)	2014
Assessor – Dianne Dorey	(R)	2014
Auditor – Gary Zandell	(R)	2014
Clerk – Kathy Brack	(R)	2014
Coroner – Warren McLeod	(R)	2014
Prosecuting Attorney – Jonathan Meyer	(R)	2014
Sheriff – Steve Mansfield	(R)	2014
Treasurer – Rose Bowman	(R)	2014

(D) = Democrat (R) = Republican (NP) = Non Partisan

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Term Expires

Washington State

20th Legislative District:

State Senator - Dan Swecker	(R)	2012
State Representative #1 - Richard DeBolt	(R)	2012
State Representative #2 - Gary C. Alexander	(R)	2012

Congressional

3rd Congressional District:

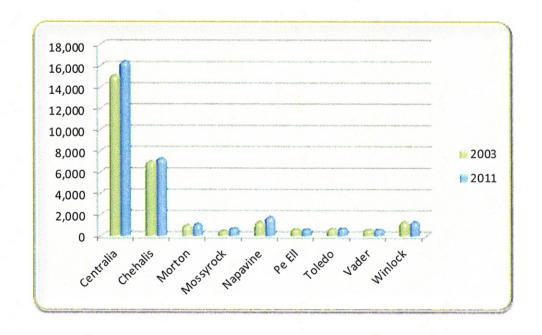
U.S. Senator	- Maria Cantwell	(D)
U.S. Senator	- Patty Murray	(D)
U.S. Represer	ntative - Jaime Herrera Beutler	(R)

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population of Cities, Towns, and County Lewis County, April 1, 2003-April 1, 2011

Municipality	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Lewis	70,400	70,700	71,600	72,900	74,100	74,700	75,200	75,600	76,000
Unincorporated	42,145	42,415	43,213	44,117	45,073	45,365	45,555	45,910	45,260
Incorporated	28,255	28,285	28,387	28,783	29,027	29,335	29,645	29,690	30,740
Centralia	15,110	15,200	15,340	15,430	15,520	15,540	15,570	15,570	16,440
Chehalis	7,010	6,980	6,990	7,025	7,045	7,215	7,185	7,185	7,310
Morton	1,025	1,015	1,025	1,127	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,150	1,125
Mossyrock	485	480	480	485	485	485	695	695	760
Napavine	1,330	1,330	1,328	1,400	1,492	1,610	1,690	1,715	1,780
Pe Ell	660	660	599	666	670	670	670	670	635
Toledo	685	685	685	685	685	690	695	695	725
Vader	610	595	600	615	620	625	630	640	625
Winlock	1,340	1,340	1,340	1,350	1,370	1,360	1,370	1,370	1,340

Source: Office of Financial Management



Lewis County 2012 Budget

AVERAGE ANNUAL COUNTY LABOR FORCE

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemp.	Unemp. %
2005	31,020,	28,780	2,250	7.2%
2006	31,790	29,240	2,560	8%
2007	31,930	29,260	2,670	8.3%
2008	32,710	29,150	3,560	10.9%
2009	31,960	27,720	4,240	13.3%
2010	31,100	26,970	4,140	13.3%
2011	30,240	26,160	4,080	13.5%

www.workforceexplorer.com

EMPLOYEES AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY

Industry	Employment	Avg Salary
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and		
hunting	1,250	\$32,113
Mining	178	\$44,258
Construction	850	\$38,010
Manufacturing	2,756	\$47,028
Wholesale trade	544	\$41,990
Retail trade	3,390	\$24,107
Transportation and warehousing	969	\$35,548
Information	180	\$39,202
Finance and insurance	372	\$36,886
Real estate and rental and leasing	249	\$16,929
Professional and technical services	383	\$35,358
Administrative and waste services	672	\$25,923
Educational services	88	\$20,934
Health care and social assistance	2,928	\$41,286
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	262	\$10,679
Accommodation and food services	1,931	\$14,586
Other services, except public administration	1,122	15,475
Government	4,914	\$39,325
Not Elsewhere Classified	367	\$86,330

fortress.wa.gov/esd Washington State Employment Security Department

BUILDING PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION VALUES

Commercial Building

Residential Building

Year	Permits	Value	Permits	Value
2008	30	6,658,883	275	31,081,313
2009	12	2,154,995	187	19,157,955
2010	9	4,941,616	153	15,945,765
2011	9	2,774,986	112	14,294,593

